no Water ſtood in the Place at all. He ſaw their Stockings drawn off, and the Man's Legs, which had never been uncovered before, were quite fair; the Fleſh, when preſſed with his Finger, pitted a little, and the Joints played freely and without the leaſt Stiffneſs: The other Parts were much decayed: What was left of their Cloaths (for People had cut away the greateſt part to carry Home as a Curioſity) was firm and good; the Woman had on a piece of new Serge, which ſeemed never the worſe.

Theſe are all the Particulars of moment which my Friends, who ſaw them at this diſtance of Time, are able to recollect. The Thing is certainly very remarkable, as there are no Means known (I believe) of preſerving dead Bodies ſo well. I leave People to pleaſe themſelves, by making their own Obſervations upon it; though ſome time or other, when I have Opportunity and Leiſure to furniſh myſelf with the neceſſary Experiments, I may trouble you again on this Subject.

V. *An Account, by Dr.* Richard-Middleton Maſſey, *of a Book, entituled* Locupletiſſimi Reurm Naturalium Theſauri, *accurata Deſcriptio, &c.* Vol. I. Amſtel. 1734. *in* Fol. *An exact Deſcription of the principal Curioſities of Nature, in the large* Muſeum *of* Albertus Seba, *F. R. S. Vol.* I. Amſterdam, 1734.

THIS magnificent Work is to conſiſt of four large Folio Volumes. The ingenious, curious, and moſt diligent Collector, takes in all parts of Natural Hiſtory,

Hiſtory, and gives us Deſcriptions and Figures of things ſcarce ever ſeen or heard of before in *Europe*, which he has collected from all Parts of the World, with vaſt Charge as well as Induſtry.

The Firſt Volume contains 111 Plates, beſides the Author's Effigies, and the Decorations curiouſly Engraven by the beſt Hands. He begins with the Anatomy and Skeletons of ſeveral Fruits, Leaves, and Roots: The Method of performing which, he communicated to the *Royal Society* ſome time ago; 'tis printed in the *Philoſ. Tranſact.* N°. 416. He then goes on with a Deſcription of ſeveral curious exotic Plants, with a particular Account of the *Zagoe Amboynenſium*, *Morus Papyrifera*, &c. After theſe follow a great Variety of different ſorts of Animals from all parts of the World. *Armadillo's*, *Ai*, or *Sloths*, *Spiders*, *Millepedes*, *Scorpions*, *Flying-Squirrels*, *Opoſſums*, *Mice*, *Rats*, *Cats*, *Dogs*, large *Frogs* and *Toads*. A Deſcription of the *Pipal*, a ſort of *Toad*, whoſe *Young* are produced on the Back of the Female. An Account of the Transformation of *Frogs* from *Fiſhes*, and back again from *Frogs* to *Fiſhes*. Several kinds of ſcarce *Lizards*, *Iguana's*, *Chamæleons*, *Salamanders*, *Tortoiſes*, *Crocodiles*; of which two laſt, ſome are repreſented in the Eggs, and ſome juſt excluded. A *Dragon* or *Baſilisk* from *America*, with above fifty ſeveral ſorts of *Serpents*.

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